

Absent, excused.
Boren.
Sherrill.
Absent, not excused.
Crowley.

Senator Bowser offered a resolution providing for two daily sessions of the Senate:

Senator Lewis moved the point of order that the resolution was out of order from the fact that pending business had not been suspended.

Sustained.

Senator Dickson moved that

Senate bill No. 11, being a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate assignments for the benefit of creditors, to declare what acts shall operate as such assignments and to prescribe rules for administering the same and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to amend sections 3, 6 and 10 of an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, and to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, approved April 7, 1883; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Be made special order for next Monday at 10:30 and from day to day.

Carried.

On motion of Senator Colquitt

Senate bill No. 149, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore levied and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of the lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1877, which may have been sold to the State or to any county, city or town, for the tax due thereon, and not redeemed, or which may hereafter be sold to the State, or to any county, city or town, to satisfy the lien thereon,"

Was made special order for next Monday after call and from day to day until disposed of.

Senator Simpson moved to adjourn to Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Bailey.	McKinney.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Crowley.	Simpson.
Dean.	Stafford.
Dickson.	Steele.
Goss.	Woods.

Nays—12.

Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	McComb.
Darwin.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Rogers.
Gage.	Tips.
Greer.	Whitaker.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	Smith.
Sherrill.	

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Lewis.
Bowser.	McComb.
Colquitt.	Presler.
Crowley.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Dickson.	Smith.
Gage.	Stafford.
Goss.	Steele.
Greer.	Tips.
Harrison.	Whitaker.
Lawhon.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee.	Dean.
Bailey.	McKinney.
Beall.	Sherrill.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Dickson same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Rogers, Senator Beall was excused for non-attendance on today and tomorrow, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Agnew, Senator Atlee was excused for this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator McKinney was excused for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Greer, Senator Rogers was appointed on Committee of County and County Boundaries.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Rogers:

Petition of citizens of Cherokee county, asking repeal of special law passed by Twenty-third Legislature, regulating the catching of fish in Cherokee and other counties.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Gage:

Petition from ladies of Pecos, Reeves county, Texas, for passage of a law raising the age of consent to 18 years.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Crowley:

Petition of 75 taxpayers of Brazoria county, opposing the new county of Alano.

Read and referred to Committee on County Boundaries.

By Senator Harrison:

Petition from business men of Temple, asking that no change be made in the law relative to fire and life insurance companies.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Colquitt:

Petition from 100 citizens of Kaufman, favoring legislation authorizing building and loan companies of other States to contract with citizens of Texas.

Read and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By the President:

Petition of citizens of the State, protesting against the passage of the "Smith land bill."

Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 130, being a bill to be entitled "An act to validate the records and surveys heretofore made and the official acts done by county surveyors in counties that had organized but whose boundaries had not been established as required by chapter 4, title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to repeal article 691e of said chapter and title,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 167, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 705, chapter 5, title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the manner in which contracts for building court houses and jails shall be let,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SIMPSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 117, being a bill to be entitled "An act compelling all hotel keepers and proprietors of tenement houses in all cities in the State of Texas of 5000 inhabitants and over, to put in place and keep in repair a rope ladder for the escape of lodgers therein, in case of fire,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same

back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SIMPSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 116, being a bill to be entitled "An act to require hotel and boarding houses to provide means of escape from buildings in case of accident by fire,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SIMPSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 16, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 164, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2126, title 37, chapter 25, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the partition and distribution of estates,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

LEWIS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 16, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 141, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 3 of title 38 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 2239a, relating to the depositions of parties,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments, to wit:

First—Amend by striking out the word "party" between the words "propound" and "interrogatories," and insert the words "ex parte."

Second—Amend by striking out the words "any officer of such corporation" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "either of the following officers of such corporation, to wit, the president, a vice president, the secretary, the treasurer, the cashier, general manager or general superintendent."

LEWIS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 16, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 160, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2000, chapter 18, title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 16, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 124, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 17 of an act entitled 'An act to organize the Courts of Civil Appeals, to define their jurisdiction and powers and to prescribe the mode of procedure therein,' approved April 17, 1892, and to provide library for said courts,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

LEWIS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Education to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 162, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 26, 26a and 26b of an of the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled 'An act to provide for a more efficient system of free schools for the State of Texas, etc.,' approved May 20, A. D. 1893, the same being chapter 122 of the general laws enacted by the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment:

To section 26: It shall be the duty of the county treasurer or the treasurer of the school fund of any independent school district when he cannot pay vouchers for the current year when presented to register them, and it shall be his duty to register all time vouchers drawn against the school funds for subsequent years in a book kept for that purpose, designating the vouchers by series A, B, C, etc., for the different school months, and numbering each series consecutively according to the order in which they are presented, beginning with number one, and indicating the registration series of each voucher, the number given it, and the year in which the voucher is to be paid, all of which shall, in each case, be indicated on the back of the voucher as well as in a register kept for that purpose by the county treasurer, as follows: Series A, No. 1, year beginning September 1, 18—; series A, No. 2, year beginning September 1, 18—; etc.; series B, No. 1,

year beginning September 1, 18—; series B, No. 2, year beginning September 1, 18—, etc.; and it shall be the duty of the treasurer to pay all vouchers drawn against the school fund of his county or independent district in the order of registration, paying all vouchers of each series, or reserving funds for that purpose, before beginning to pay the vouchers of the next succeeding series."

PRESLER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Education to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 137, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 6 and 8 and to repeal section 9 of an act approved March 30, 1881, entitled 'An act to establish the University of Texas,'"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PRESLER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Education to whom was referred

Committee substitute for House bills Nos. 3 and 7, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 58 of chapter 122 of the general laws enacted by the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled 'An act to provide for a more efficient system of public free schools for the State of Texas, defining the school funds, etc., approved May 20, 1893; to provide for separate boards of trustees for the white and colored schools of each school district; to provide for the maintenance of separate schools for white and colored children of each district; to provide for the apportionment of the school funds of each district to the respective schools thereof,'"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PRESLER, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Colquitt:

A bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the examination of the affairs of any corporation, company, firm or person engaged in any railroad or railroads in the State of Texas, and to require them to maintain offices at which all contracts, accounts, books, papers, etc., relating to the construction of any railroad shall be kept, and to provide penalties for the enforcement of the same."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Harrison:

A bill to be entitled "An act to define building and loan associations and their

powers, and to prescribe the conditions on which they do business in this State, and to define and fix the rights and liabilities of their stockholders."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Rogers:

A bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of actual occupants of portions of the unappropriated public domain as a home."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

By Senator Dibrell:

A bill to be entitled "An act to better define sectarian schools within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of this State, relative to the apportionment and use of the public free school fund."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Greer:

A bill to be entitled "An act to sanction, ratify and confirm the title of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad company, and to all the corporate rights, franchises and privileges of the Sabine and East Texas Railway company, and to authorize the Texas and New Orleans Railroad company to purchase, own, possess and operate the railroad, and to purchase, own and exercise all the corporate rights, franchises and privileges of the Louisiana Western Extension Railroad company, and to authorize said Texas and New Orleans Railroad company to own and operate said Sabine and East Texas railway and said Louisiana Western Extension railroad as parts of its lines."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Greer:

Senate joint resolution to amend section 7, article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to district judges.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator Dickson:

Whereas, That Porter Robert Sloan has the responsibility of carrying the Senate mail to and from the capitol to the postoffice and is thereby subjected to more exposure than any of the other porters, and is more closely confined to his business than he would otherwise be; therefore be it

Resolved, That he be allowed fifty cents extra per day for his services, said extra pay to date from the 16th of February and to continue the same throughout the session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Colquitt.	Lawhon.
Crowley.	McComb.
Dibrell.	Shelburne.
Dickson.	Simpson.
Gage.	Smith.
Goss.	Woods.
Greer.	

Nays—9.

Agnew.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Steele.
Harrison.	Tips.
Lewis.	Whitaker.
Rogers.	

Absent—excused.

Boren.	Dean.
Beall.	McKinney.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee.	Bowser.
Bailey.	Presler.
Sherrill.	

By Senator Rogers:

Resolved, That the Senate, recognizing the great benefactions of George Peabody to mankind, as well as his munificent contribution to the cause of education in the South, heartily concurs in the sentiment of the House prompting the memorial exercises appointed for 4 o'clock p. m. today.

Adopted.

By Senator Bowser:

Concurrent resolution:

Whereas, There exists a feeling of dissatisfaction with our present system of transferring title to land, and it is believed that the vexatious delays and burdensome expense attending such transfers may be avoided by the substitution of the registration of deeds, and that the adoption of the Torrus system of registration as practiced in Australia, British Columbia, Ontario and other places, and now being considered by several of the States of the American Union may be practical in this State; and

Whereas, It is desirable that the subject be thoroughly investigated and the result of such investigation presented to the public, preparatory to action by the Legislature; therefore

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Governor appoint five competent persons, who shall act without compensation, whose duty it shall be to make investigation of our present system of transferring land titles and to consider whether a more simple, expeditious and inexpensive system, and one that will give greater security of title, cannot be adopted, and especially to inquire into the practical working of what is known as the Australian or Torrus system of registration of titles, and whether it can be adapted to the Constitution and laws of the State. Said commission shall have power to send for persons and papers, and take such testimony as they may deem. The said commissioners shall report to the Governor on or before the first day of January, 1897, and the Governor shall cause 5000 copies of such report to be printed and distributed in the same manner as is provided for the distribution of the Governor's message. The Governor shall also lay such report before the next Legislature at its first session. The State

shall not assume or become responsible in any manner, in whole or in part, for the expenses incurred by such commission.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The Chair gave notice of signing and did sign, after the caption of same had been read,

Senate bill No. 30, "An act to establish a court at Texarkana, in Bowie county, to be styled Texarkana Civil and Criminal Court, and to prescribe the jurisdiction and organization thereof, and to conform the jurisdiction of other courts thereto."

Call concluded.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 149, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore levied and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of the lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1877, which may have been sold to the State or to any county, city or town, for the tax due thereon, and not redeemed, or which may hereafter be sold to the State, or to any county, city or town, to satisfy the lien thereon."

Section 8 read.

By Senator Gage:

Amend section 8 by striking out the following words in lines 6 and 7: "And any such deeds shall be good and valid as evidence of title in any court of law and equity in this State," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "And any such deed shall be held in any court of law or equity in this State to vest a good and perfect, title in the purchaser thereof, subject to be impeached only for actual fraud."

Adopted.

Section 9 read.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend section 9, in line 7, by inserting after the word "taxes" the words "interests and costs."

Adopted.

By Senator Dibrell:

Amend by striking out in line 11 of section 9, the words "fifty cents" and insert in lieu thereof "two dollars."

Adopted.

Section 10 read.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend section 10 by striking out lines 19 and 20 and inserting the following in lieu thereof: "That the commissioners court shall have the power in cases where lands delinquent for taxes for any year or years which have been subsequently subdivided and sold by the holder of such tracts of land at the time of delinquency, to prorate the amount of delinquent or back tax among the holders of subdivisions and on the payment of such pro rata by the holder of any subdivision he shall

be released from any liability for the remainder of the delinquent tax due on the whole tract."

Adopted.

Section 11 read.

Section 12 read.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend section 12, in line 7, after the word "deemed," by striking out the word "and;" and amend section 12, in line 9, by striking out after the word "furnished" the word "to."

Adopted.

Section 13 read.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend section 13 in line 1, by inserting the following after the word "estate:" "Or any one interested therein in his name;" and amend section 13, in line 2, by striking out the word "and" after the word "delinquent," and insert in lieu thereof the words "or reported."

Adopted.

By Senator Darwin:

Amend section 13 by striking out in line 3, the words "sixty days" and insert therefor the words "twelve months."

By Senator Smith:

Amend the amendment by striking out "twelve months" and insert "ninety days."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.	Lewis
Colquitt,	Presler.
Dibrell,	Rogers.
Dickson.	Smith.
Goss.	Stafford.
Greer,	Steele.
Harrison.	Tips.
Lawhon.	Woods.

Nays—7.

Bowser.	Shelburne.
Crowley.	Simpson.
Darwin,	Whitaker.
Gage.	

Absent—excused.

Beall.	Dean.
Boren.	McKinney.

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	McComb.
Bailey.	Sherrill.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Section 14 was read.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend section 14, in line 10, by inserting after the word "taxes" the words "interests and costs;" and in line 5 of section 14, by inserting the word "interest" after the word "taxes." Also in line 8, after the word "deed," "as provided for in section 8 of this act."

Adopted.

By Senator Rogers:

Amend section 14, line 5, by inserting a comma after the word "same."

Lost.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend section 3 by striking out all after the word "office," in line 10, down

to and including the word "situated," in line 13, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "And in making up the list or lists contemplated by this act for each county the Comptroller is hereby required to make corrections and supply omissions in the description of any real estate embraced in said list or lists, so that when the corrections are made and the omissions are supplied the description will be such as is given in the abstracts of all the titled, patented and located lands in the State of Texas, or as required in section 12 of this act, such as may be furnished by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. And the Comptroller is further required in bulk assessments to apportion to each 'tract or lot' of land separately, its pro rata part of the entire tax, interest and cost."

Adopted.

By Senator Simpson:

Amend section 7, line 28, by striking out "county" and insert in lieu the word "State," and by inserting after "lots" in line 30, the following: "After which the same shall be governed by the law regulating escheats."

Adopted.

By Senator Smith:

Amend section 14 by striking out all after the word "then," in line 6, down to the word "the," in line 8, and insert after the word title and before the word "shall," in line 8, the words "of such purchaser," and by adding to section 8 the following: "Except for actual fraud."

Adopted.

By Senator Harrison:

Amend section 14, line 5, by striking out the word "double" and insert after the word sale, in same line, the words "together with accrued interest on same at legal rate."

Lost.

By Senator Simpson:

Amend section 2, line 2, by striking out the figures "1877" and inserting "1885" in line thereof.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Crowley.	Sheaburne.
Darwin.	Simpson.
Dibrell.	Smith.
Harrison.	Stafford.
McComb.	Steele.
Rogers.	Whitaker.

Nays—10.

Agnew.	Goss.
Bowser.	Lawhon.
Colquitt.	Lewis.
Dickson.	Tips.
Gage.	Woods.

Absent—excused.

Beall.	Dean.
Boren.	McKinney.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee.	Presler.
Bailey.	Sherrill.
Greer.	

The bill was then ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Agnew.	McComb.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Smith.
Dickson.	Stafford.
Gage.	Steele.
Goss.	Tips.
Greer.	Whitaker.
Lawhon.	Woods.
Lewis.	

Nays—5.

Bowser.	Harrison.
Crowley.	Shelburne.
Darwin.	

Absent, excused.

Beall.	Dean.
Boren.	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Presler.
Bailey.	Sherrill.

Paired.

Yea.	Nay.
McKinney.	Simpson.

IN SENATE.

House bill No. 13, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1198, chapter 4, title 29, of an act passed at the regular session of the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An act to adopt and establish the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,' which article regulates the venue of civil cases in the district and county courts."

Read first time referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

On motion of Senator McComb,

Senate bill No. 142, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the amicable adjustment of grievances and disputes that may arise between employers or receivers and employees, and to authorize the creation of a Board of Arbitration, and to provide for compensation of said Board, and to provide penalties for the violation hereof,"

Was made special order for next Monday after call.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 11, being a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate assignments for the benefit of creditors, to declare what acts shall operate as such assignments and to prescribe rules for administering the same and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to amend sections 3, 6 and 10 of an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, and to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, approved April 7, 1883; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Bill read second time.
On motion of Senator Lewis, the bill was considered by sections.

Section 1 read.

By Senator Tips:

Amend section 1 by striking out the word "approved," in line 8, and substitute the word "proved."

Adopted.

By Senator Lewis:

Strike out the word "to" in line 15, section 1.

Adopted.

Section 2 read.

By Senator Gage:

Amend section 2 by striking out all after the word "dollars," in line 17, and all of lines 18 and 19 in same section.

Adopted.

By Senator Smith:

Amend subdivision 7, section 2, by striking out all after the word "execution," in lines 25 and 26.

Adopted.

Section 3 read.

By Senator Dibrell:

Amend by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, section 3, the following: "Thirty-three and one-third," and insert in lieu thereof "fifty."

Lost.

Senator Bowser sent up the following resolution, which was read, but upon a question of its being out of order, he withdrew it for the present:

Whereas, The various committees of the Senate are now well up with their work and there is now a great number of bills before this body awaiting its consideration and final action; be it

Resolved, That from and after this date the Senate hold two daily sessions until the bills now before it are disposed of.

Senator Simpson moved to adjourn to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Senator Bowser moved to adjourn to 2:30 p. m. today.

The question being on the longest time first, the Senate adjourned accordingly.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.

Bailey.

Beall.

Boren.

Bowser.

Colquitt.

Crowley.

Darwin.

Dibrell.

Dickson.

Gage.

Goss.

Greer.

Harrison.

Lawhon.

Lewis.

McComb.

Presler.

Rogers.

Shelburne.

Sherrill.

Simpson.

Smith.

Stafford.

Atlee.

McKinney.

Steele.

Tips.

Whitaker.

Woods.

Absent, excused.

Dean.

Absent, not excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Harrison same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator McKinney was excused for today, on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Gage:

Petition from resident taxpaying citizens of Reeves county, for passage of the resolution providing that a voter shall be required to obtain final citizenship papers as a condition precedent to the exercise the right of suffrage.

Read and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator Goss:

Petition from 105 citizens of Cottle county, asking for a reduction of interest on school land.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Bowser:

Petition from citizens, taxpayers and policy holders, of Dallas county protesting against the passage of the bill seeking to raise the tax on life insurance companies.

Read and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Senator Bowser:

Petition from citizens of Dallas, protesting against the passage of the bill increasing taxation on life insurance.

Read and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Senator Crowley:

Petition of 133 citizens and taxpayers of Brazoria county, in opposition to the formation of the county of Alamo.

Read and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Bowser:

Memorial from citizens of Dallas, protesting against the passage of the bill, the object of which is to increase the tax on insurance companies.

Read and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

By Senator McComb:

Petition from 1605 citizens of Brazoria county—789 white male, 646 colored, 170 ladies—praying for the creation of Alamo county.

Read and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator McComb:

Petition from 216 citizens of Brazoria county, protesting against the creation of Alamo county.

Read and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.